

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A hydraulic flushing system comprising:
an indicia reader adapted to read indicia on a hydraulic fluid container;
and
a data processor coupled to the indicia reader to determine if the indicia
has been utilized before in the hydraulic flushing system.
2. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 1 further comprising a pump
adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic fluid container,
wherein the data processor is further coupled to the pump and prevents
operation of the pump if the indicia has been utilized before in the
hydraulic flushing system.
3. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 1 wherein the data processor
requires reading an indicia that has not been utilized before in the
hydraulic flushing system prior to initiating a hydraulic flushing
operation.
4. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 1 further comprising an input
device that indicates a type of vehicle being serviced, wherein the data
processor further determines if the indicia indicates the proper grade of
hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced.

5. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 4 further comprising a pump adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic fluid container, wherein the data processor is further coupled to the pump and prevents operation of the pump if the indicia does not indicate the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced.
6. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 4 wherein the data processor requires input of the type of vehicle being serviced and reading an indicia that indicates the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced prior to initiating a hydraulic flushing operation.
7. A method of hydraulic flushing comprising:
reading indicia on a hydraulic fluid container; and
determining if the indicia has been utilized before in a hydraulic flushing system.
8. The method of hydraulic flushing of claim 7 further comprising preventing operation of a pump adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic fluid container if the indicia has been utilized before in the hydraulic flushing system.
9. The method of hydraulic flushing of claim 7 further comprising requiring an indicia that has not been utilized before in the hydraulic flushing system to be read prior to initiating a hydraulic flushing operation.

10. The method of hydraulic flushing of claim 7 further comprising:
receiving an input that indicates a type of vehicle being serviced; and
determining if the indicia indicates the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for
the type of vehicle being serviced.
11. The method of hydraulic flushing of claim 10 further comprising
preventing operation of a pump adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the
hydraulic fluid container if the indicia does not indicate the proper grade
of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced.
12. The method of hydraulic flushing of claim 10 further comprising:
requiring input of the type of vehicle being serviced; and
requiring an indicia that indicates the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for
the type of vehicle being serviced to be read prior to initiating a
hydraulic flushing operation.
13. A hydraulic flushing system comprising:
means for reading indicia on a hydraulic fluid container; and
means for determining if the indicia has been utilized before in a
hydraulic flushing system.
14. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 13 further comprising means for
preventing operation of a pump adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the

hydraulic fluid container if the indicia has been utilized before in the hydraulic flushing system.

15. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 13 further comprising means for requiring an indicia that has not been utilized before in the hydraulic flushing system to be read prior to initiating a hydraulic flushing operation.
16. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 13 further comprising:
means for receiving an input that indicates a type of vehicle being serviced; and
means for determining if the indicia indicates the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced.
17. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 16 further comprising means for preventing operation of a pump adapted to pump hydraulic fluid from the hydraulic fluid container if the indicia does not indicate the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced.
18. The hydraulic flushing system of claim 16 further comprising:
means for requiring input of the type of vehicle being serviced; and
means for requiring an indicia that indicates the proper grade of hydraulic fluid for the type of vehicle being serviced to be read prior to initiating a hydraulic flushing operation.